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Examiner: Jeoyuh Lin

For: METHOD AND DEVICES FOR
HEART TREATMENT

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RESPONSE TO SPECIES ELECTION REQUIREMENTAssistant Commissioner for Patents
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In response to the outstanding Office Action mailed September 10, 2002, in which the Examiner imposed a Species Election Requirement, please consider the following remarks in connection with the above-identified patent application.

REMARKS

The Examiner required election under 35 U.S.C. § 121 of one of the following species:

- Species I. Drawn to a heart exercising device, Figure 17;
- Species II. Drawn to a cardiac repeat-mechanical injury device, Figures 5A-5D;
- Species III. Drawn to a cardiac cell-growth factor stimuli, or in combination to a mechanical device, Figures 4A and 4B; and
- Species IV. Drawn to a ventricular imaging device for producing an angiogram, Figures 6A and 6B.